

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : METHOD OF FORMING MOLECULE FUNCTION NETWORK

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

This is in response to the Non-final Official Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 17, 2009. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, to expire on May 18, 2009 (May 17, 2009 falling on a Sunday), no fee is believed due at this time. However, Applicants hereby authorize the Office to charge any necessary fees, including extension of time fees required to maintain the pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the above-referenced Office Action are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks which follow.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.